

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3440 - HB 3759

February 15, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Gives the Registry of Election Finance jurisdiction to receive complaints, make preliminary findings, and make appropriate referrals to district attorneys general regarding misrepresentations on campaign literature or sample ballots, political communications, advertising and solicitations, and publication of knowingly false campaign literature. Authorizes the Registry to impose civil penalties in addition to any criminal penalty.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Authorizes the Registry to impose additional civil penalties for violations of certain campaign finance Class C misdemeanor offenses. Since it is unknown the number of times the Registry will impose a civil penalty or the amount of the civil penalty that will be assessed, the increase in state revenue from the collection of such penalties cannot be quantified at this time.

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumption:

- The Registry can accomplish the requirements of the bill without an increase in personnel or a reduction in other budget items. Any increase in state expenditures will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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